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MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT - GROZNY

- 3. The Grozny Construction Division, being part of a heavy industry with priorities, had all of the equipment it needed. The Oil Industry had its own special supply system and would requisition all materials needed from the appropriate industry. While an industry had to stay within the limits set for a five year plan, the great problem was not over money but over materials, which generally were short.
- 4. Cement was obtained from Novorossisk, steel from the Ukraine, brick from Grozny and Krasnodar, and lumber from numerous sources. The shortage of steel limited the height and size of many buildings and meant that most had to be of heavy concrete or brick. Generally, if a building had to be six or more stories high, steel would be used. Industrial plants were usually three stories high.

HOUSING - KRASNODAR

- 5. During the Soviet regime, up to 1942, there were only five or six apartment houses constructed in Krasnodar. One of these was a 100 apartment building for military personnel. It was five stories high and had two and three room apartments. The other houses were three and four stories and averaged about 30 apartments.
- 6. During the 1930's, a few cooperative apartments were started in Krasnodar. The plan called for individual ownership in 60 years. However, this plan was decided to be capitalistic and part of the original investments were returned. Tenants had to pay rent from then on.

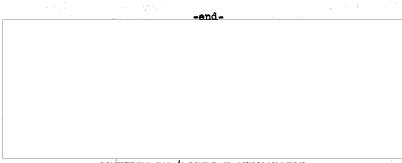
HOUSING IN NEW INDUSTRIAL AREAS

7. In the new areas being developed industrially, such as in the Urals, the plant construction received first priority. As a result, dug-outs were made for the workers. Housing construction was delayed five years or more.

CONSTRUCTION FAULTS

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8. The constant "hurry up" program of construction resulted in many faults. The use of green, uncured lumber caused much warping. Plaster on walls never seemed to be dry. Cracks in walls and sinking of foundations were common. Failures in plumbing and other fixtures were common and usually meant the item was permanently disabled because of the inability to obtain parts and replacements.



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